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VACAVILLE , CALIFORNIA **October 2015**

September 2015 Meeting Notes

Sitting in for our absent VVRC President, our V.P. Kim – KI6JNX, opened the BOD portion of the Sept. 2015 meeting at 19:20hr. . However, lacking sufficient BODs, there was no quorum and the meeting morphed into general discussion meeting.

With no "old business" to discuss, the call for "new business" netted a brief reminder by Jerry, KD6WKY, of the upcoming California CQP that will be Sat/Sun. Oct. 3rd. & 4th. A couple of VVRC members will be operating a station representing Yolo county, located in the middle of a Walnut orchard just West of Winters. The station will be furnished, set up and operating so all one has to do is "show up" and participate – even for just a short time, or a couple of hours! Locations and directions are in the article further down the newsletter.

Next was a reminder of the upcoming annual Merriment on Main community service activity the first week in December. Once again, the membership was asked to reserve the date and to plan on participating.

The idea of a "*Santa Radio*" station was brought up as a possible fun community event for the Christmas holidays. The idea would be to set up a 2M simplex radio in a shopping mall or other area frequented by smaller children during the Christmas shopping times, and with our members dressed up as Santa's helper Elves they'd help the kids use the radio to talk to Santa up at the "North Pole", who would in reality, be just a short distance away.

Jerry – KD6WKY, and Skip – AF6HC, both brought and shared their ARRL Centennial contest "***Worked All States***" award certificates. This 12-month event was held all through 2014, and commemorated the ARRL's first 100 years.

Tom – KE6MDM, shared his good fortune in finding an available source of small 12V/500A power units, capable of running your radio in the field, and could even start your car if you were too long winded while parked or mobile and now in despite need of a "jump start". More info can be obtained by contacting Tom direct.

The monthly drawing was won by Richard – KJ6MIB — Congrat's Rich!

In closing, the members present were reminded that the October meeting is outlined in the VVRC by-laws as when the nomination slate is to be populated by those who choose to run for, or have accepted the nomination to run for, office for the next year. Each member is encouraged to give some serious thought and consideration to this rewarding opportunity to help lead the VVRC through 2016.

If you know of someone who you think would be a great officer, you are invited to nominate him or her, but please -- **only** if you have his or her permission.

Then, following in order: the November meeting is outlined as the month to vote for the nominees that were

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VACA VALLEY RADIO CLUB--2013

ELECTED OFFICERS
President: Frank Garay, KJ6RWQ
Vice President: Kim, KJ6JNX
Secretary: Skip Lawson, AF6HC
Treasurer: Bob Hewitt, K6HEW

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Director: Antonio DelRio, N6ZGB
Director: Chris Jones, KD7TQO
Director: Arthur Miller, KI6UXE
Director: Richard Craig, KJ6MIB

APPOINTED POSITIONS
Net Control Chairperson: Chris Jones, KD7TQO
Club Activities Chairperson: Board of Directors
Newsletter Editor: Jerry Bowen, KJ6SCC
Newsletter Publisher & Distributor: Bob Hewitt, K6HEW

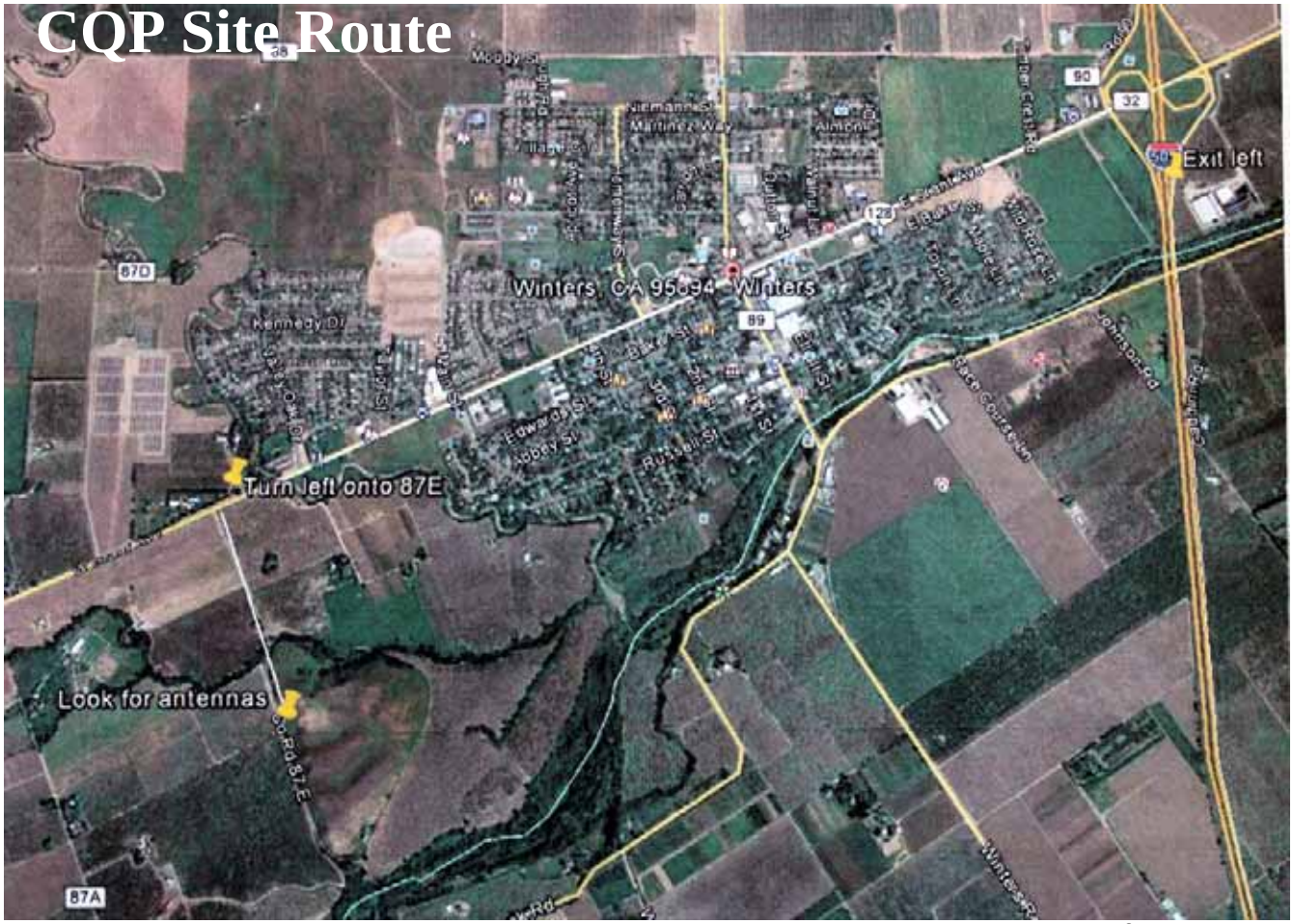
set in October; and the December Christmas dinner is when the victorious members are announced to the membership at large.

There are only two things that can derail this whole election process and they are: a low membership attendance resulting in no quorum, and….. No one stepping up to the plate and volunteering to run for office. With that in mind, consider: no office holders equals no VVRC! Remember folks that this is **OUR** club, so let's all pull together to make it happen!

And finally — as your recording secretary, I'm asking that someone please seriously consider stepping into this position because after some twenty + years, I think it's time to step down and give someone else a great chance to have some fun!

With nothing else to cover, the meeting was closed at 20:15hr.

Respectfully submitted,
Skip Lawson – AF6HC



The site is going to be in the walnut orchard located near CA Hwy 128 and Avenue 87E just west of Winters as you drive toward Lake Berryessa on the left hand side. Depending on what you want to do you can bring sleeping gear or just come out for a few hours.

The California QSO Party (CQP)

The California QSO Party (CQP) is held every year on the first weekend of October. The first CQP took place in 1966. Since 1974, the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC) has sponsored CQP.

CQP has traditionally opened the annual contest season by providing an opportunity for contesters to prepare for the ARRL November Sweepstakes since the format is similar.

Stations outside of California, worldwide, work stations in California only. The 58 counties of CA are the multipliers. California stations work all stations in or out of CA. The 50 US states and 8 Canadian areas are the multipliers. Stations outside of Canada and the US add to one's QSO total but do not count as multipliers. See the

full set of CQP Rules for more details. On this site you will find lots of information, so peruse the index above and learn all about the California QSO Party! Also, be sure to visit the NCCC website for the latest scoop on a super contest club.·

Before CQP: Review the current County Operating Plan for CQP 2015. Please "Register-Your-County" (county listing of active stations and form for CA stations to input their county plans. Read The 2015 Rules and Read CQP Operating Strategy, by K6RB.

After CQP-Send In Your Log. See the Rules page for submitting via email or regular mail.o After you submit your log, you can check to be sure it's listed on the CQP server. Submit your log no later than Monday, October 12, 2015. Note - This is two weeks EARLIER than before. We want to complete all log checking earlier this year, so please note the new deadline.

Contest Logs-Please refer to the Rules web page for the preferred way to submit your log.

Boy Scouts Jamboree On The Air

The National Scouting Museum will be a host site for the 58th Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) event, which takes place on **Saturday, October 17, 2015; from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.**

JOTA is the largest Scouting event in the world. In 2014, more than 1 million Scouts participated with over 11,500 stations operated by 20,000 amateur radio operators from 157 countries around the world!

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Scouts from the Dallas-Fort Worth area are invited to share ideas and Scouting experiences with their Scouting peers from around the globe, using two-way amateur radio and satellite links. The annual event seeks to promote a better understanding and mutual respect between Scouting youth in different countries, while learning about amateur radio operation.

To learn more about JOTA Go to http://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx

Come out to the National Scouting Museum and experience the excitement and fun of amateur radio. There will be multiple radio stations set-up for Scouts to connect with other Scouts participating in the event from all over the globe

In addition, Scouts can work on several requirements for the Radio merit badge.Every Scout who participates in our JOTA Scavenger Hunt will receive a commemorative patch!Admission is $5 per person.

Call 972-580-2476 for more information.Special thanks to the Irving Amateur Radio Club, Inc. for helping to make this event possible!

Information sent courtesy Matthew.
***AB4AL*- Bob**

Visit the Repeater online courtesy of Bob K6HEW at: vacavalleyradio.net

Club repeater in Vacaville:W6VVR 145.470 MHz(-) pl 127.3
The W6VVR net call is Tuesday evenings at 8pm on the club repeater. All are invited to participate in this weekly meeting on the air. 73!

Additional local repeaters
WV6F 224.200(-)
WV6F 440.025(+)
WV6F 1291.900(-)

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Three ISS Crew Members, Including Two Hams, Return Safely to Earth

The Soyuz TMA-16M spacecraft carrying returning ISS crew members lands in the Kazakh steppe. [Courtesy of the ESA]

Two radio amateurs — European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut Andreas Mogensen, KG5GCZ, *Soyuz* commander and Russian cosmonaut Gennady Padalka, RN3DT — plus Kazakh cosmonaut Aidyn Aimbetov, arrived back on Earth on September 12 from the International Space Station (ISS). Mogensen, Aimbetov, and cosmonaut Sergey Volkov, RU3DIS, had launched in a *Soyuz* transporter to the ISS on September 2 from Baikonur cosmodrome. Aimbetov — who had replaced "space tourist" and British singer Sarah Brightman on the *Soyuz* flight — and Mogensen took part in the 10-day ESA mission to test new technologies and conduct a series of scientific experiments. Mogensen is Denmark's first astronaut, while Aimbetov is the first Kazakh cosmonaut.

The trio undocked from the orbiting complex on September 11 in the *Soyuz* spacecraft that had been attached to the ISS, leaving the vessel they arrived in for the station crew. The new*Soyuz* spacecraft will return NASA astronaut Scott Kelly and cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko, RN3BF, at the end of their one-year mission next March, along with Volkov.

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NET CONTROL OPERATORS

1st week of month-Jerry Bowen; KJ6SCC
2nd week of month-Richard Craig; KJ6MIB
3rd week of month-Frank Garay; KJ6RWQ
4th week of month-Jerry Olive, KD6WKY
On months with 5 weeks-Bob Hewitt; K6HEW

The return wrapped up 168 days in space for Padalka, who had been on the ISS since March and has logged a record 879 days in space on five flights — more than 2 months longer than cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, U5MIR, the previous record holder.

The undocking of the returning *Soyuz* marked the formal start of ISS Expedition 45 under Kelly's command. In addition to Kelly, Kornienko, and Volkov, those onboard the ISS include astronaut Kjell Lindgren, KO5MOS; cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko, RN3DX, and JAXA astronaut Kimiya Yui, KG5BPH.

Three more radio amateurs are scheduled to head to the ISS in December. They are cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko, RK3DUP; UK astronaut Timothy Peake, KG5BVI, and Timothy Kopra, KE5UDN.

November 2 will mark the 15th anniversary of a permanent human presence on the ISS.

Thanks to NASA, European Space Agency

Phishing Scheme Targeting ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service Participants

A phishing scheme currently afoot has been targeting ARRL members who have signed up for the ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service and have an @arrl.net e-mail alias. An e-mail from "Arrl Webmail Admin" with the subject line "ACCOUNT UPGRADE" was received September 25 by an unknown number of members who use @arrl.net e-mail aliases. The e-mail, which requests that recipients reply by providing their usernames and passwords, did *not* come from the ARRL, and anyone receiving this sort of message should delete it and not reply. The ARRL would never distribute an e-mail requesting personal information.

"ARRL is aware of this phishing scheme and is working to block the sender's e-mail address at our upstream provider," said Andy Shefrin, KB1YHB, ARRL's IT Infrastructure & Operations Manager. "As with any e-mails of unknown origin, do not open or reply." Simply replying to this e-mail alerts the sender that your e-mail address is valid.

The bogus message indicates that access to @arrl.net account holders is being "removed" and accounts "upgraded to a new enhanced web mail user interface provided by arrl.net." Recipients are being asked to provide usernames and passwords "to ensure your e-mail address book is saved in our database." This is clearly an effort to

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harvest @arrl.netsubscriber information and valid e-mail addresses.

Ignore any message of this sort that seeks to have recipients provide any sensitive information, such as usernames, account numbers, and passwords. If you experience any problem with e-mail forwarding, **send** details to the ARRL IT Department.

Thanks to the NBARA, *AB4AL*- Bob

California Radio Amateur is Wildfire Victim

A Calaveras County, California, radio amateur — Mark McCloud, K6YCV — fell victim to the Butte Fire on September 16, after he declined to follow an evacuation order. McCloud was one of two fatalities that resulted from the Butte Fire, southeast of Sacramento. An ARRL member, McCloud, 66, was said to have been disabled.

Mark McCloud, K6YCV.

Calaveras County Coroner Kevin Raggio said McCloud and the second victim had both refused to evacuate the area and were found dead in their homes, which were destroyed by the fire. McCloud had lived in Mokelumne Hill, California, for 8 years. On his QRZ.com page he spoke of enjoying the "wildlife, trees, and a whole lot of room" there and keeping busy with antenna projects and a vegetable garden.

Amateur Repeaters Fall Victim to Washington Wildfire

Two Central Washington repeaters, owned and operated by the Lake Chelan Amateur Radio Club, have been destroyed by one of the wildfires raging in that state. The co-located machines, one on 2 meters and one on 6 meters, were sited on Slide Ridge near Manson, Washington, in Chelan County. On August 27, the First Creek Fire completely leveled the building housing the repeaters. Scorched antennas and support structures are still standing but are likely beyond repair.

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The club's Roger Odorizzi, W7CH, said the repeaters had been offline for several days.

"We knew the fire had wiped out the power going to our site, but we hoped for the best, that our mountaintop building was possibly spared," he said. "Now we have confirmation this was not the outcome." Odorizzi said the area remains closed, and the club likely will not have access to it "for a long time."

The club's Ken Rau, K7YR, said the loss, in addition to the building, included the two repeaters, duplexers and antennas. The repeaters provided coverage in North Central Washington. Rau told ARRL that it's unlikely that the building housing the repeaters would be replaced. It once housed radio and TV broadcast translators, most no longer in use. Topography is also a factor. "This is a mountain site — 4900 feet above mean sea level — with power lines that were installed on a very steep slope."

Odorizzi said the club's foresight in tending the area around its 440 MHz FM repeater, located northeast of the city of Chelan, paid off. Although the fire took out power for 3 days, the 70 centimeter repeater site was saved because club members had taken care to clear brush and weeds from a wide perimeter around the building housing the machine.

"Get out there and do some weed abatement. The repeater you save may be your own!" Odorizzi said in a September 1 message. "The two repeaters we lost were on another mountaintop but were surrounded with a brushy area."

Odorizzi said recent rainfall in his area has helped to dissipate the smoke from the wildfires and dampened the flame-charred ground. Much cooler weather also was making life easier for the firefighters. "Locally, fire is not a threat now," he added.

THE VVRC WELCOMES YOU

The Vaca Valley Radio Club has proudly served the Northern Solano County Area since 1988. We pride ourselves in providing a friendly place for radio amateurs to meet and improve their operating skills.

We participate in public service events throughout the year and are always ready to assist with communications during times of emergency.

Browsw our website for more information about our club. If you have any questions please e-mail us at w6vvr@w6vvr.net or call 707-448-5665 for assistance

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